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***Crew chiefs,  
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Photo by Spc. Samuel J. Phillips, MNC-I PAO

*Sgt. Eric Peterson, crew chief, Company A, 5th Squadron, 158th Aviation Battalion, inspects the main rotor head at Camp Victory after a maintenance mission to Balad. Crew chiefs play an important role in keeping these Blackhawks in the air.*



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# Mission first, photos home second

By Pfc. Eric J. Martinez

*13th Public Affairs  
Detachment*

I never go to an event just so the people involved can add my work to their collection of deployment photos.

When I'm out all night covering a story the last thing I want in

the morning are numerous emails or phone calls asking about the pictures I took 10 hours earlier. I need to have some time to accomplish my daily mission before I work on anything extra.

Since out of the 100 plus photos I take, usually only one will be published anywhere, I do not mind sharing.

However it seems that people have the idea that it is my "job" to provide them with photos.

First and foremost, I have a mission to complete and I'm usually running on a tight deadline. So give me some time and I'll be happy to share my photo of any event with you and in the "rare" occasion that I forget,

send me an email. Please keep in mind, however, that I have a job to do just like everyone else and mission comes first.

Also, you can always check our image library (<https://mnici.intranet.iraq.centcom.mil/PAO/Image%20Library/Forms/AllItems.aspx>) to see if the photos you want have been posted.

## Chaplain's Corner

### *Volunteer work shapes troops socially, spiritually, personally*

By Chaplain Marc A. McDowell

*MNC-I JOC chaplain*

You may be thinking, volunteerism is unusual to find as the topic of a chaplain's article. Perhaps it is, but volunteerism shares a very strong common denominator with chaplaincy, which is improving the morale and well-being of troops. So my goal in this article is to "make the case" for volunteerism even in a war zone, no, especially in a war zone. Let's look briefly at this topic from three different standpoints: social, religious (spiritual), and finally personal.

**Social:** "In almost all modern societies, the most basic of all values is people helping people

and, in the process, helping themselves." In fact it seems that the most good in a society for those most in need is done largely by volunteer organizations such as shelters, soup kitchens, the YMCA and the Salvation Army. Even on an international level, the most ubiquitous humanitarian aid is done by organizations such as "Doctors Without Borders." Regardless of their basic philosophies, they are volunteers, privately organized and funded to meet humanitarian goals in any place that will allow them to do so.

**Religious/spiritual:** Most if not all, of the world's religions either promote or are built upon "doing good" for other people. Practically all of the saints of the

Church were initially individuals who were moved by a human need and responded to meet it. Mother Teresa for example is arguably the greatest modern example of selfless volunteerism.

**Personal:** It simply makes for a more fulfilling life to be engaged in something that is outside of the rewards cycle of pay, promotion and awards. It also breaks the "Ground Hog Day Syndrome." Volunteerism provides a very personal sense of accomplishment. So, think about getting out even if it is only occasionally due to the demands of duty, and meet some of those "hearts and minds." They are real people. They are great people enmeshed in the difficult and honorable process of nation-building.



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# Dental clinic corrects cavities, creates teeth

Story and photos by Pfc. Eric J. Martinez

*13th Public Affairs Detachment*

Members of the 464th Medical Company at Liberty Dental Clinic provide emergency, sustaining, and maintaining dental care to servicemembers stationed on Victory Base Complex.

Liberty Dental Clinic also provides emergency dental treatment to coalition forces and civilian contractors if space is available.

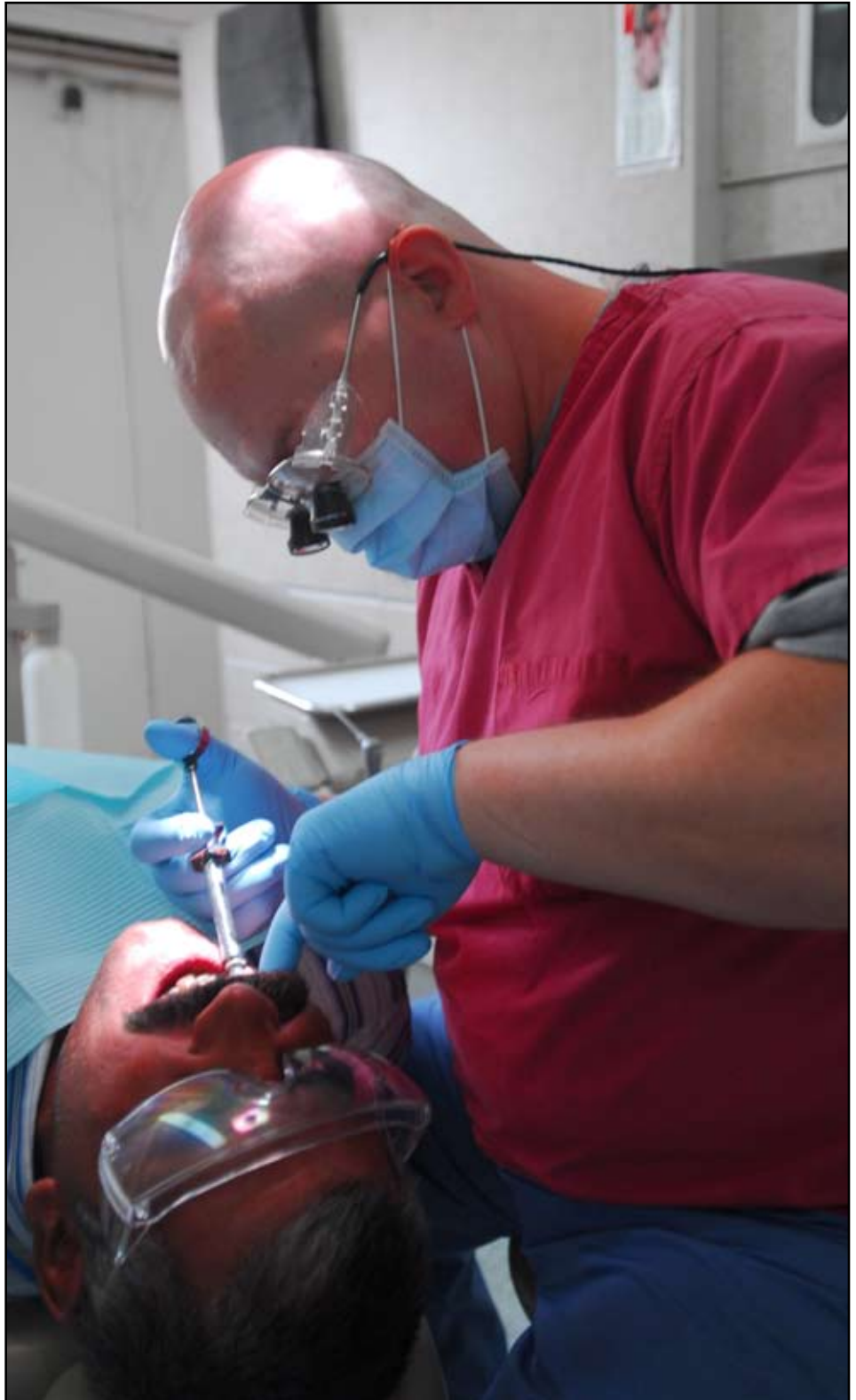
"Nobody is turned away if they are in pain," said Maj. Ralph Beilhardt, officer in charge, 464th Medical Company. "Cleanings are limited to U.S. servicemembers due to the clinic only having one full-time hygienist."

The servicemembers provide everything from oral surgery and teeth cleanings to fillings and repairing chipped teeth.

Liberty Dental Clinic is also the only dental facility in southern Iraq that has a dental lab with a prosthodontist. "If you lose a tooth we can fix it by making a prosthetic appliance to replace it," said Sgt. David Dickinson, dental lab tech. "We also make mouth guards, crowns and bridges."

"What can not be fabricated here is sent off to the Army Dental Laboratory in Fort Gordon, Ga., and returned to Liberty Dental Clinic," Beilhardt said.

The Liberty Dental Clinic is located next to the West Liberty Mayor Cell and is open to any personnel stationed on Victory Base Complex.



Staff Sgt. Jose Viteri, dental hygienist, 464th Medical Company, cleans a servicemember's teeth at the Liberty Dental Clinic. Teeth cleanings are limited to American Servicemembers only, because Viteri is the clinic's only full-time hygienist.



# Blackhawk crew chiefs work

**Story and photos  
by Spc. Samuel J.  
Phillips**

*MNC-I PAO*

Company A, 5th Squadron, 158th Aviation Battalion carries a heavy weight on their shoulders, being the main mode of transportation for both the Multi-National Corps – Iraq and

the Multi-National Forces – Iraq commanding generals.

“We allow the generals to quickly get to outlying areas where they are needed,” said 1st Lt. Azizi Van Delden, Alpha Company, 5/158th executive officer.

In order for pilots to accomplish this mission, their crewmen need to keep the

aircrafts fully mission capable.

The crewmen are capable of handling most of the maintenance on the aircraft, Van Delden said.

Their job consists of everything from loading weapons systems with ammunition to ensuring all hydraulics, rotors and other vital helicopter parts are in working order.



Pfc. Gregory Martinez, crew chief, Company A, 5th Squadron, 158th Aviation Battalion, loads ammunition for one of the machine guns mounted on the UH-60 Blackhawk on Camp Victory.



# *Work hard to keep birds in air*



quadrant, 158th  
M240 machine  
ry.



*Spc. Harold Smiley, crew chief, Company A, 5th Squadron, 158th Aviation Battalion, inspects the tail rotor at Camp Victory after returning from a maintenance mission to Balad.*



# Get to know a Soldier...

**Interview and photo by**  
**Marine Cpl.**  
**Frances L. Goch**  
*MNC-I PAO*

**Pfc. Chelsea Sanders**

**Unit:** 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade

**Job title:** Information systems specialist

**Age:** 24

**Time in Service:**  
23 months

**Hobbies:** "Concerts, frisbee golf, horseback riding, paintballing,

art, football games, pool and darts."

**Person you most admire:** "My mom."

**Why you joined:** "I joined the reserves originally because all my friends were deploying.

I wanted to support them. I decided to go active duty a year later."

**If you weren't in the military you would be:** "Training horses."

**One thing you'd change about the Army:** "Velcro on the uniforms."

**One thing you'd never change about the Army:** "Army Values."

**Unusual fact about you:** "I had 40 piercings before I joined the military."

**Goals:** "Complete my bachelor's degree in criminal justice."

**Something you wish everyone would do:** "Give people the respect they deserve."

**Words of wisdom:** "Patience is a virtue."

**Best thing about being deployed:** "Time to



figure things out and leaving your worries behind."

**Best Basic Combat Training memory:** "Graduating."



## Emergency plans needed for unit safety



**By Jesse Martin**  
*Corps Safety Office*

Anything can happen in Iraq so every organization should have an emergency plan. By identifying potential threats and developing plans to deal with those threats, you can help prevent an emergency from developing into a disaster.

Emergencies demand rapid decision-making, with no time to gather resources. An emergency plan mitigates the stress of the situation by providing a course of action for the organization, thereby decreasing the potential for poor judgment

calls which could result in more severe and unnecessary losses.

Pre-accident planning can identify hidden deficiencies, such as lack of resources. By planning, you may also discover unrecognized hazardous conditions that would aggravate an emergency situation, thereby gaining the opportunity to eliminate them.

There are some steps you should follow to organize an effective emergency plan. An emergency plans committee should be developed to keep everything organized.

Ensure important telephone numbers, notifications and specific individual duties and responsibilities are included in your plan.

Make sure there is an alternate means of communication available in the case of an emergency. Communication is key.

Identify evacuation routes and other means of escape in case of emergency and ensure all personnel are familiar with these routes. Keep the routes unobstructed at all times.

Make sure to have a gathering point identified so all personnel can be accounted for following an emergency. Also, be sure to have a plan in place for administering first aid and evacuating casualties.

Finally, ensure you practice your plan and keep it simple. Emergency plans should be easily executed.



## Announcements

### Supply career progression

The Victory Chapter of the National Property Management Association, the first international chapter to be formed by the NPMA, a leader in property and asset management is offering bachelor's and associate's degrees completely online. NPMA can meet your professional development needs through educational courses, training, and certification programs. For more information, email Monty Spicer at [monty.spicer@gmail.com](mailto:monty.spicer@gmail.com).

### CISSP Exams offered

Posting of Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP) Examination for interested military of civilian personnel. POC is Capt. Richard Y. Kofie, 822-5108.

### Story ideas for Victory Times

Do you know of a good story on Camp

Victory that you think should be covered for the Victory Times? Please submit your ideas to Staff. Sgt. Joy Pariente at [joy.pariante@iraq.centcom.mil](mailto:joy.pariante@iraq.centcom.mil). Please include any interesting facts about the topic and point of contact information.

### R&R Briefings

Reunion and Suicide Intervention Briefings are at the Victory Chapel, Monday at 3 p.m., Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. All service-members who are going on leave or re-deploying must attend this briefing.

### The Corps Report

The Corps Report has been scheduled to its new regular time slots of Monday at 4:15 a.m. eastern, 11:15 a.m. Baghdad and Sunday at 1:15 p.m. eastern, 8:15 p.m. Baghdad.

## Music practices & rehearsals

### Gospel Choir

Tuesday, 6 p.m., Hope Chapel (Bldg. 24B)  
Saturday, 4:30 p.m., Hope Chapel (Bldg. 24B)

### Collective Protestant Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 7 p.m., Hope Chapel (Bldg. 24B)

### Collective Protestant Music Rehearsal

Thursday, 12 p.m., Victory Chapel (Bldg. 31)

### Catholic Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 7 p.m., Hope Chapel (Bldg. 24B)

### Contemporary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 5 p.m., Hope Chapel (Bldg. 24B)

### Bluegrass Music 'Baghdad Badboys'

Friday, 9 p.m., Mini Chapel (Bldg. 24F)

### AFN Freedom Radio

Al Asad ..... 107.3  
Ali Base ..... 107.3  
Ar Ramadi... 107.3  
Baghdad .... 107.3  
Balad ..... 107.3

Fallujah ..... 105.1  
Kirkuk..... 107.3  
Kirkush..... 107.3  
Mosul ..... 105.1  
Q-West ..... 93.3

Taji ..... 107.3  
Tal Afar..... 107.3  
Taqqadum.. 107.3  
Tikrit..... 100.1  
All stations are FM

### Camp Victory Bible Studies

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Bldg 24F; Gospel Protestant Bible Study 7 p.m. Hope Chapel	Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Bldg 24F	Young Adult Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Hope Chapel	Men's Bible Study 7 p.m. Victory Chapel; Spanish Bible Study 7 p.m. Bldg 24F	Foundations Bible Study, Mini Chapel 6:30 p.m.	SeventhDay Adventist 10 a.m. Victory Chapel	Men of the Bible Study 5 p.m. MLB Room, Oasis DFAC

Do you have an announcement about an event of interest to the Camp Victory community? Contact Spc. Samuel J. Phillips at [samuel.phillips1@iraq.centcom.mil](mailto:samuel.phillips1@iraq.centcom.mil) with the information. Information for community announcements needs to be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event to allow for timely publication.

## Operating Hours

Coalition Cafe  
Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.  
Midnight Dining 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.  
Sports Oasis  
Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Dinner 5 - 9 p.m.  
Education Center  
8 a.m.-midnight  
Camp Liberty Post Exchange  
8 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Fitness Center  
Open 24 Hours  
Victory Main Post Office  
Monday-Sunday 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
MNC-I STB Mailroom  
9 a.m. - noon  
5 - 7 p.m.  
Al Faw Palace Post Office  
Wednesday and Sunday  
1-6 p.m.  
Golby Troop Medical Clinic  
Sick Call  
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon  
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon  
Dental Sick Call  
Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
Mental Health Clinic  
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - noon  
Post-Deployment Health Briefings  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1 p.m.  
Pharmacy  
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon;  
1 - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon  
Legal Assistance/Claims  
Saturday-Monday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## Worship Hours

Victory Chapel (Bldg. 31)  
Thursday  
7:30 p.m. .... Latter Day Saints Seminary  
Saturday  
11 a.m. .... Seventh Day Adventist Service  
8 p.m. Catholic Mass  
Sunday  
7 a.m. .... Liturgical Protestant Service  
2 p.m. .... Latter Day Saints Service  
4 p.m. .... Episcopal/Lutheran Service  
Mini Chapel (Bldg. 24F)  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m. .... Latter Day Saints Service  
Wednesday  
7 p.m. .... Men's Fellowship  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
11:30 p.m. .... Roman Catholic Mass  
Friday  
1 p.m. .... Muslim Prayer Service  
6:30 p.m. .... Jewish Service  
8 p.m. .... Women's Fellowship  
Sunday  
8 a.m. .... Eastern Orthodox Service  
10 a.m. .... Protestant Sunday School  
3 p.m. .... Church of Christ Service  
7:30 p.m. .... Latter Day Saints Service  
Hope Chapel (Bldg. 24B)  
Monday  
12 p.m. .... Charismatic Prayer Meeting  
Sunday  
8:30 a.m. .... Collective Protestant Service  
10 a.m. .... Roman Catholic Mass  
12 p.m. .... Gospel Service  
6:30 p.m. .... Contemporary Protestant Service  
Warrior Chapel (Camp Liberty)  
Friday  
6:30 p.m. .... Victory Base Open Circle

# Guamanians celebrate liberation

## Marines freed Guam from Japan 63 years ago

Story and photos by  
Marine Cpl.  
Frances L. Goch  
*MNC-IPAO*

Servicemembers and civilians from all over Camp Victory gathered at MWR 124 July 20 to celebrate the anniversary of Guam's liberation from Japan.

Everyone, no matter his ethnic background, was invited to share in the music, food and games at the celebration. There was also the opportunity to learn from another culture, said Master Sgt. Joseph M. Lizama, brigade communications non-commissioned officer in charge Task Force 62 Medical Brigade, and one of the main coordinators for the event.

Guam was liberated by US forces in 1945 during the Battle of Guam when the 3rd Marine Division and the Army's 77th Infantry Division took Guam from the Japanese who had invaded in 1941.

"My mother-in-law was six and going through the jungles of

Guam when a group of Marines came upon her," said Altom K Francisco, maintenance supervisor, Lear Siegler Services Inc. "They only said one thing to her, 'Shhh, we are here to help' and they kept their word."

It is stories like this and the history of the event that drives the celebration, said Lizama.

"We want people to know how much we appreciate our liberation from the Japanese," he said.

At the celebration visitors had the chance to try "island food." The Islanders served Gua-

manian, Philippine and Samoan dishes to include the "Tata-ga," or unicorn

fish. This fish is native to the waters around Guam.

"Some of the Soldiers that just came back from leave brought these straight from Guam for us," Francisco said.

After the food was

served, guests played volleyball, received prizes from raffle drawings and people took a min-

ute to sit and share stories and culture with each other, all to the sound of island music playing in the background.

"All in all it was a success. We ate good food, had good company and we all had a lot of fun," said Staff Sgt. Jesse Castro, protocol NCOIC, Multi-National Corps -Iraq.



The unicorn fish, native to Guam, was served at the liberation celebration.



Sgt. John Wang, supply sergeant, Company C, 42nd Aviation Support Battalion, Toelee Leai, logistical specialist, US Army Corps of Engineers and Sgt. Siaipili Pousoo Jr. Aviation operations NCO, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, barbeque the food for the Guam liberation celebration.